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MEN'S TENNIS TEAM OPENS
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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana's men's tennis team opens its season next weekend with a full schedule of matches in California. Coach Bruce Scott's netters will start their swing through California at St. Mary's College in Moraga Monday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

The rest of the trip will feature a three-way match Tuesday between UM, University of Pacific and UC Davis on UOP's courts in Stockton; Hayward and West Valley JC on Wednesday; Yuba City JC Thursday and Nevada-Reno Friday.

The Grizzly team features three lettermen in Saul Chessin, a junior from Missoula, Steve Stuebner, a junior from Minnesota and senior Lou Silverman (Missoula). Chessin plays number two, while Stuebner is third and Silverman, sixth.

Playing No. 1 for UM will be Chris Mertz, a junior college transfer from San Jose City College. The two other team members traveling will be freshmen William Wood (No. 4), from New Jersey and Jay Lauer (No. 5) from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

According to coach Scott, "We are a little behind this year because we can't play indoors, but I expect a stronger team. I expect us to be in the top four (in the Big Sky Conference) this season. We were second to the last a year ago." Scott added he expected Nevada-Reno, a new conference member, and the University of Idaho to be the top two teams in the BSC.

Montana will host the Big Sky Tennis Tournament May 4-5-6.

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